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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Interpretation of Credit-Hour Criterion for Programs of Two Semesters in Length

The Commission concurs with the arguments made during yesterday's meeting of the academic officers that the statutory language relating to the Commission's authority to "approve or disapprove ... any additional program of two (2) semesters, or their equivalent in duration" should be interpreted as applying to programs of 30 or more semester hours. Thus, any certificate program requiring 30 semester hours or more would need Commission approval, while any program requiring 29 semester hours or less would not.

I appreciate your contributions on this issue and trust that specifying a semester-hour criterion will clarify matters with respect to when Commission approval of certificate programs is needed.